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### DAY IN THE PARK

## Fun in the Port Colborne sun

Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — It was one "heck of a fun day" at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park on Sunday, said Port Colborne Optimist Club secretary Carole Newman.

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Pam Swick Janjac, Port Cares development officer, and Sarah Eller, Port Cares Reach Out Centre site supervisor, look over plans for an expanded Reach Out Centre. The agency has launched its Port Cares Reaching Out and Changing Lives fundraising campaign to raise \$370,000 to renovate the centre at 61 Nickel St.

### PORT CARES

## Reaching out to help others

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Port Cares is reaching out to the community to help raise \$370,000 to expand its centre on Nickel St.

Port Cares Reach Out Centre, the former Knights of Columbus hall, will nearly double in size once the expansion is complete by March of next year, said Pam Swick Janjac, Port Cares development officer.

The project will cost just more than \$1 million.

The federal and provincial governments have kicked in two-thirds of the cost — \$670,000 — in infrastructure funding for it, she said.

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## ■ PARK



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A group of children get a ride in barrels during Port Colborne Optimist Club's sixth annual Day in the Park at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park last weekend.

## A day for families and kids

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Newman said it was the club's sixth annual Day in the Park celebration and the day fit in with the Optimist motto of "friend of youth."

"The kids enjoy the day and it's a chance for the family unit, which seems to be scarcer these days, to get out together and have fun."

Newman said all a family had to do was bring out a picnic basket, if they didn't want to buy food prepared by Chuck Simpson, a lawn chair or two and sit back and have fun.

"We try to minimize the cost of the day for families by inviting other service groups and clubs."

Some of those who

came out and had booths set up included: Every Kid in Out Community, Safe Communities, Port Colborne Block Parent, Port Colborne Lions, Port Cares, Ontario Early Years, Youth Initiative, Sea Cadets, Air Cadets and Boy Scouts.

Niagara Skyhunters Birds of Frey, Niagara Antique Power Association and Niagara Regional Police were also on hand at the park.

Newman said there was also a huge penny sale, which helps raise funds to offset the costs of things like the inflatables.

Along with the inflatables, Uberynov assisted the club in setting up various games for children, like a sack race,

and a soccer game with a huge soccer ball.

The club had an ATV, from Performance ATV and Leisure on Miller Rd. in Port Colborne, on display and Newman said the club is raffling off the machine to raise funds for the club.

The Optimist Club wasn't alone in the park either; the 444 International Walleye tournament was there as well as the Lake-to-Lake mountain bike race.

"Someone said to me that our park needs to be full like this all the time, especially with children."

Newman said the club keeps expanding the activities for the day and that next year it will be "bigger and better."

## ■ REACH OUT

## Port Cares' centre to get facelift

## FROM PAGE A1

"We'll be able to increase the size of the kitchen and have more space in the building. There'll be a loading and unloading dock and room for a shared food bank."

Swick Janjac said there'll be room for freezers and a walk-in cooler inside the renovated building. As it stands now, freezers and a walk-in cooler are stored in the back of a trailer at the centre, at 61 Nickel St.

Reach Out Centre manager Mary Anne Feagan won't have to run around to various locations to pick up supplies for the centre, said Swick Janjac, as there will be more storage space, too.

The building, when complete, will expand into the back parking lot and go into a vacant lot two doors down. It will end up wrapping around a Nickel St. home next door to it.

The extra room is needed, said Swick Janjac, as the Reach Out Centre is usually very close to its capacity on days — Monday, Thursday and Friday when it serves clients breakfast and lunch.

"We can hold about 80 people and most days there are between 60 and 80 people here."

She said the Reach Out Centre has seen an increase in the number of people it serves since it first started off in the hall on Nickel St. in 2004.

"In 2004 we served 6,000 meals. Last year we served 14,000. Mary Anne is seeing more young people and children coming in now. And once the Out of the Cold pro-



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Jane Feagan, a volunteer at Port Cares Reach Out Centre, and Pete Mulleboom, of Mulleboom Greenhouses, hold some of the tomatoes that Mulleboom donates to the Reach Out Centre each week.

gram wraps up, they'll pick up extra people here at the centre."

When the Out of the Cold program stops serving meals, the Reach Out Centre opens a fourth day during the week — Tuesday — to pick up the extra clients.

Not only does the centre serve meals to those in need, other programs make use of it.

Port Colborne-Wainfleet Community Living uses it for an after-school program, a men's group uses it Sunday mornings to make breakfast for people, a cooking circle program is held there and the Good Food Box program also operates there.

While the capital campaign — called Port Cares Reaching Out and Changing Lives — to raise funds was kicked off

Thursday, Swick Janjac said \$1,000 has already been donated to it.

"Larry and Cathy Boggio gave us a \$1,000 cheque from a Women's Health Day they held."

Swick Janjac said Port Cares will be going to businesses, individuals and service groups in search of funding. Port Colborne High School and District School Board of Niagara will do in-kind work on the renovations to help the centre. She is hoping Lakeshore Catholic High School and Niagara Catholic District School Board will partner with them as well.

For more information on the campaign, contact Port Cares at 905-834-3629.

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# portraits

■ A DAY IN THE PARK

## Lots to see and do at annual Optimist event



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photos  
The Port Colborne Optimist Club offered families lots to do during its sixth-annual Day in the Park at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park last weekend. At top left, Dave Gibson of Niagara Skyhunters Birds of Prey holds a European barn owl as Lisa Diffts pets it. Top right, a bald eagle shakes water off after taking a quick bath. Bottom left, a group of children take part in a sack race. Bottom right, Adam Sunz makes some popcorn for the people enjoying the nice weather and festivities.



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## ■ COLUMN

# Weed is a weed is a weed

**E**very year around this time, I make a trip to Toronto to clean up my mom and dad's plot at Parklawn Cemetery, near Bloor and the Old Mill. I then go across the cemetery to spruce up my Uncle Jack's.

Actually, I usually do it a lot earlier in the planting season than now, right around the Victoria Day weekend. But this year, it simply got away from me and I couldn't physically get up there before last Friday.

Now before you think I'm setting myself up as the good son and the good nephew, forget it. My mom and dad were the best parents anyone could possibly ask for. And my Uncle Jack was my version of Uncle Jack (remember the movie?). He taught me how to play squash, tennis and golf and shortly after I turned 16, he and his Bert Boddie John Charnock taught me the proper way to drink scotch.

"Remember, a gentleman never gets drunk on scotch, he simply knows how to appreciate it and knows how to handle it," I can almost hear Sinatra in the background even now.

The point is, now that mom, dad, and Uncle Jack are gone, the very least I can do is to ensure their cemetery sites look like someone cares.

So, away I went last Friday morning. I already packed the garden tools the night before so I didn't have to bother with that in the morning.

My routine is to pick up the planting soil and plants on my way out of town,



George Duma  
BY GEORGE

which I do. I pack them into the back of my baby Toyota and away I go. After a quick stop in Vineland for a Timmy's, on the Service Road, I'm on my way.

OK, disclaimer here. I'm not a gardener. I know enough to buy zinnias and begonias to plant because they're hardy plants. And we need hardy plants because the cemetery is about two far away to get to each weekend and maintain. I know I need good soil for the plants. After that, well, let's just say I don't do the gardening at home.

After a nice drive of listening to jazz and CBC on the radio, I get to mom and dad's plot.

Good Lord. At first glance, it's a disaster. I notice someone has planted two trees in the plot. Why would somebody do that? Upon closer inspection, I realize they're alders. I pull them out and then see another weed behind the stone. It's right between mom and dad's plot and the plot and stone right behind them. I up-bark and yank that one too, and then take the three giant offending weeds and toss them in the dumpster about 10 metres away.

After trimming the small trees in mom and dad's plot and pulling out the rest of

the weeds and grass that has grown into the entire area, I go to work. First comes the planting soil with peat moss. Spread out evenly, it's now ready for the plants. I set them up where they should go and begin planting.

I've been there for about 25 minutes when I notice, in the background, a vehicle pulling up.

A woman, about my age, early '50s, gets out of the Dodge Caravan and walks toward me. I call out a friendly hello and she responds in kind.

As she gets closer, I realize she's going to the plot right behind mom and dad's. She comes to a dead stop and as I look up, a look of pain comes over her face.

"Oh my God, who ripped out my beautiful Carpet Ride bush?" she yells out. She's looking directly at the spot where I ripped out the giant weed.

You know that feeling when the red rushes up from your neck to the top of your head and nausea inevitably follows? It usually comes after you do something really stupid.

I say something like, "Agent, keep my head down, I'm getting planting."

"I can't believe this," she says, her voice rising in anger. "I guess people care about the cemetery and use it for shopping."

She's spitting out the words now.

I realize I have to tell her what I've done but I really want her to calm down a bit.

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## ourview Communication

**L**ast week's diesel fuel spill in the Welland Canal shared a few things about the City of Port Colborne.

When the spill occurred in the middle of the afternoon, the city was quickly notified as were many other government and outstakeholders.

The result of that quick communication split teams dispatched the city within a half hour and the immediate shut down of the canal, wear and water intake at the region's treatment plant.

It also saw the city's emergency management team, consisting of senior city staff, brought together in the library on the third floor of city hall. The team contacted outside agencies to come in and meet with them to discuss what was to be done.

All of that went smoothly and quickly.

Where things fell apart, to a degree, was in communicating with the media and public.

Niagara Region sent an advisory out soon after the spill telling residents not to drink the water in the city.

Around 7 p.m., Mayor Vance Badawey held a press conference at city hall with members of the local media.

At the conference, the mayor and region said the water in the system was safe to drink because it was in the reservoirs before the spill occurred and before the intake system was shut down.

There were now two conflicting messages out in the public: the water wasn't safe and the water was safe.

Because not everyone watches TV, has the Internet or listens to the radio, the message they received about the water would depend on the time of day they heard it.

Later in the evening, the city released a third message, this time around 9:45 p.m., stating people shouldn't drink the water and to conserve as much as possible.

Unfortunately that message was far too late for 'The Tribune's' deadline for the next day's paper, but not too late for our website. But again, not everyone has the Internet and for those that do, there was no guarantee they were surfing the web at the time.

As it turns out, the water was safe but the city was erring on the side of caution. And the city and region deserve full credit for being cautious. It's better to be safe than sorry, as Badawey said that night. The city also deserves credit for having all of its firefighters sent out to seniors homes, restaurants and area apartment buildings that night to warn people and pass out flyers. But that didn't address the need to reach all residents in the city at the same time.

To his credit, Badawey recognized the communication gap and said the city will look at some other sort of system to alert everyone in town at once.

We're sure the city will be well prepared for the next emergency and will be able to communicate with all residents in a timely fashion. Though we do hope they never have to use it.

## ■ readers' views

### Wind and solar 'farms'?

We really should ask some serious questions of politicians as to whether it is arrogance or ignorance that makes them describe these as far unproven and failing alternative energy sources as 'farms'.

Farms are where food is grown, a good and enduring concept that has allowed the human species to survive for thousands of years and in every single nation and community on this planet of ours. The fact they still survive and continue to feed us in Canada, in the face of increasing incompetent bureaucratic legislation, is a testament only to the strength and individuality of Canadian farmers with absolutely no credit going to either politicians or big business and increasingly incompetent staff.

The exact same politicians, encouraged by staff, who are now extolling the virtues of 'wind farms' and 'solar farms'

as if they could produce anything of actual value.

To compare them with real farms is probably the greatest hypocrisy of all.

Before the insanity of alternative wind and solar power actually hit Canada into insolvency there are just a couple of questions that need to be asked.

How much does hydro energy cost per KwH? wind costing fossil and nuclear fuel plants? Around \$20c/KwH.

How much is Ontario guaranteeing solar energy companies per KwH? Around 80c/KwH.

Do the math. All the additional guarantees come from subsidies, which is to say tax dollars and they haven't appeared on your tax bill (or your children's and grandchildren's) yet.

Neither of these supposed 'farms'

can produce a single practical benefit to anyone apart from the developers and contractors who will build them. And additional jobs will be few and short in duration.

So, anyone imagine the environmental damage of acres of solar panels covering what could be good agricultural land? It's already happening in Ontario. And the wind turbines, is there a single genuine environmentalist out there who believes that thousands upon thousands of these machines, covering agricultural land, national parks, and other undeveloped countryside can really save the environment?

Neither wind nor solar power can even reduce carbon emissions or prevent a total reliance on fossil and nuclear powered energy for the foreseeable future.

Andrew Watts  
Wainfleet

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## ■ COLUMN

# I've been thinking of God's love for us

GORDABRAHAM  
Port Colborne Baptist Church

"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Rom 5:6-8)

One of the greatest needs we have as human beings is to be loved. Not just loved but loved unconditionally and tangibly.

During a ministry time in India my wife and I had the privilege of working personally with Mother Teresa at her "Mother House" in Calcutta.

After spending some time in the home where young abandoned babies were brought in out of the streets and cared for, we moved over to the home for toddlers.

There, we were to care for and work with children who were malformed, abandoned and taken in to be loved and cared for by Mother Teresa and her staff.

Because the numbers were overwhelming, I chose one little boy

who was blind, deaf and unable to speak. I decided to focus my attention on him for the entire time I was there and not knowing if he had any name, I named him Samuel (meaning "name of God" or "God has heard").

I held him in my arms for hours, put his face next to my neck so he could feel the vibrations and sounds coming out of my throat. I sang as many hymns and songs of God's love that I could think of with prayers that Samuel would come to know he was loved by God.

After 13 years, I do not know where "Samuel" is living or if he is living. But even though he was abandoned by parents, the prayers offered for him will come to reality.

God does not abandon those whom He loves because He is love. God loves us in tangible ways, the greatest demonstration being the sending of His own Son, born of the virgin, born as a human and later dying as our sacrifice for sin.

God has taken us to come back to Him, through faith in His Son. For all who receive His love there are promises of his presence, his provision and his continued guidance through the uncharted

journey of our lives.

That's how much he loves us. "And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from

God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his

Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." (Rom 5:9-11)

## ■ inPortbriefs

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Money raised will purchase equipment for Port Colborne hospital.

The major draws will be held Sunday, July 4, at H.H. Lakeview Knoll Park at 7:30 a.m. during the Flavours of Niagara festival. Early bird draws for \$500 will be held Friday, June 18, in the hospital lobby.

Tickets are available at any Port Colborne financial institution, Boggio's Pharmacy and at the Friday market.

Tickets can also be purchased at the hospital's lobby or at the foundation office by calling 905-334-4501 ext. 32126.

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register. Minimum eight students to run the course and maximum 18 students.

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of \$5 per session or \$25 for the whole summer. Children ages 9 to 12 can register for one weekly 3-hour session on Tuesday mornings or Thursday afternoons at a cost of \$5 per session or \$25 for the whole summer. Register early as space is limited. Call the Library at 905-899-1277 for more information.

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### ■ PORT CARES REACH OUT



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Mike Kryviak, general manager of Brent and Jenny's No Frills, Rev. Robert Hurkmans, representing the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Clergy Fellowship, Cheryl Hurkmans, Salvation Army Community and Family Services manager, Mary Anne Frugini, manager of Port Cares Reach Out Centre, and Mark Kolba, manager of Food Basics, hold some of the food items donated to local banks during a one-day food drive in Port Colborne. The two grocery stores brought in 660 pounds of food and \$1,233 in donations.

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■ **WAR RESISTER:** Brockway family shares experiences; soldiers pressing for Bill C-440

# U.S. marine seeks refuge in Port Colborne

KAESHA FORAND  
InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Living the life of a war resister isn't easy.

Fleeing his home in the United States and the fear of prosecution, in addition to being dishonorably discharged from the U.S. Marines, constantly looms over his head.

Those unsettling feelings consume the life of Port Colborne's Cpl. Jeremy Brockway.

He and his wife Ashlea, with their Canadian-born sons William and Wesley, live in constant fear of being deported to the United States after they fled from their home in Grand Rapids, Minn., to London, Ont., in February 2008.

On Thursday night, more than 70 supporters from as far as Toronto and Buffalo gathered at the Guild Hall in Port Colborne for an evening of information, a showing of the film *Let Them Stay*, discussion with a war resister support group and first-hand accounts from the Brockways.

Jeremy joined the marine corps in 2005 and served in Iraq from July 2006 to February 2007. Through a pre-recorded video, he told the crowd of the atrocities and war crimes he witnessed, including soldiers killing innocent civilians and a complete disregard for human life. Upon his return from Iraq, he visited his doctor and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. The doctor recommended he be

discharged. His cries for help were ignored at his marine base, Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

The stress coupled with an anxiety disorder means even in Canada he has trouble leaving the house and crossing the street. He explained his situation through video.

When Jeremy was deployed to Iraq, he was a trained communications person and relayed information from the base to the field.

"In the marines they have a saying that every marine is a rifleman so everybody could be put in an infantry," he said. "There was a lot of excessive force in my opinion."

He recalled incidences of soldiers ordering bombs to be dropped on trucks on the side of the road without first thoroughly investigating, and one in which soldiers believed they saw a trigger man running into a home — the next day he passed by the area and saw people digging in the rubble of the home, searching for children who got caught in the crossfire.

He knew if he left the United States he wouldn't be able to return without facing about 15 months of jail time. His refugee status has been denied and if he returns to the U.S. he faces immediate arrest.

"If I would have stayed I knew my problems would have been worse and worse."

The 25-year-old doesn't enjoy life like he once did. Ashlea has also noticed a considerable difference from the man she married one month before he was deployed.

"He's tried to commit suicide. People say he should go back and face jail time. For those 19 months he would be considered a deserter," she said, holding back tears.

She shared a number of stories, including one of his Iraqi police friend who was shot in his police car, but soldiers wouldn't bring him to the hospital because they said "he's just an Iraqi!" She said Jeremy was once used as a decoy to flush out a sniper by sending him on a rooftop to set up an antenna.

The war resisters support group is hoping the Canadian government is as welcoming as Pierre Trudeau was during the Vietnam War, when 60,000 war resisters came to Canada from 1965 to 1973. At the moment, war resisters who have applied for refugee status have been denied. Soldiers are undertaking appeals.

They are hoping the House of Commons passes Bill C-440 which would allow soldiers who refused to fight in wars not sanctioned by the United Nations to apply for permanent residence.

Thursday's event was organized by St. James St. Brendan's Anglican Church Rev. Robert Hukmans, who said, "I feel very passionate and committed to this family and cause."

He hoped the event would draw attention to the situation. People in attendance had the opportunity to sign a petition in support of Bill C-440.

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KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo  
Ashlea Brockway speaks to guests at the Guild Hall on Thursday for a war resisters information night. Her U.S. marine husband Jeremy refuses to return to Iraq to fight. The family fled to Canada in 2008 and has since had its refugee claim denied. In the background is a picture of the family with sons William and Wesley.

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## ■ STRAWBERRY SOCIAL



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Joan Martel, left, and Irene Wood, right, get some strawberries ready for a strawberry social at Friends Over 55 Centre last week. The social was so successful, the centre ran out of strawberries. Crafts, baked goodies quilt draw were also available at the social.

## ■ HORTICULTURE: Annual Port Colborne flower show attracts 47 entries



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

With her husband watching, Diny van der Boogaard looks over some of the flowers at Port Colborne Horticultural Society's flower show on Saturday.

## Blooming sight at flower show

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — There were a lot of different flowers around the hall at Friends Over 55 Centre Saturday afternoon as Port Colborne Horticultural Society held its annual Flower Show and Tea. "We just celebrated our 80th birthday and shows have been going on since the '40s," society president Nancy Horpenuk said.

Horpenuk said there are about 100 members in the society and there were 47 entries for the show.

"It's our main show of the year, though we have showings at our monthly meetings."

She said there was a good variety of flowers at the show,

including all kinds of roses.

Bonnie Priest, a society member, said there were many types of plants in the show and that gardeners pick what's growing best for them at the time, whatever happens to be blooming.

Like organizers of the Welland Rose Show, the two women said it wasn't a great year for roses in Port Colborne either. Though sometimes, they said, roses seem to fare a bit better in the Rose City than in Port Colborne.

Horpenuk said a judge from Niagara Falls took a look at all 47 entries in the show. Priest said judges look at the quality of each entry.

"The judge looks for what a good example of the plant is,"

Priest said.

While the flower show is the main attraction, Priest said that last year Horpenuk added the tea to the day and it's helped bring more people out.

The two women said the society would like to start a garden tour in Port Colborne.

"We have beautiful gardens in the city," Horpenuk said. "Some people think their gardens aren't good enough, but they are. There are gorgeous gardens here."

She said anyone interested in showing their garden can contact her at 905-835-5888.

Winners of the society's show include: Connie Kettle, the Tanaszi Trophy for the best house plant; Glenna Vida, the Campbell Trophy for best display; Bonnie Priest, the Moffat Trophy for most points; and the Mill Greenhouse Trophy for best display; and Vivian Shroats, the Tuck Rose Bowl Trophy for best rose.

# RECIPE of the Week

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2. In small bowl combine all ingredients except butter. Fill each cored apple with equal amounts of oat mixture. Mixture will spill over top of apples.

Place 1/4 tsp. butter or margarine on top of filling in each apple.

Cook apples, covered, on Medium-High (70% power) until tender, 12-14 minutes, turning each apple halfway through cooking time. Spoon cooking liquid from baking dish over apples to serve. Makes 4 servings.

1. 4 large Cortland or Rome apples (about 10oz. each)
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## ■ WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



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From left Jack O'Neill, president of Friends Over 55 Senior Centre, Acting Sgt. David Kukoly, Const. Cathy Uskin, Wainfleet Mayor Barb Henderson, Port Colborne deputy Mayor Bill Steele and Port Colborne Staff Sgt. Joe Garvey raise a flag at city hall in Port Colborne for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

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■ **BEES:** Swarm stops in tree

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**PORT COLBORNE** — A local beekeeper helped corral a swarm of nearly 10,000 bees from a tree on Clarence St. last week.

Richard Harvey, of Harvey's Honeys, and his wife Yvonne, were called out at about 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, after Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services fire Chief Tom Cartwright asked for help with the swarm.

Cartwright said a neighbour next to 463 Clarence St. called about a swarm in a tree on the property.

The person said a cloud of bees flew over their property at about 9 a.m. and landed in the neighbour's tree, taking about 15 minutes to bail up on a branch.

Cartwright stayed on scene to make sure no one walking down the sidewalk would get near the bees and get stung. He also asked St. Catharines fire dispatch to call in a beekeeper.

When Richard Harvey arrived, he set up a bee box

below the tree and shook the branch the bees were on.

Most of the swarm fell into the box and after a few more shakes, a good portion of the bees were inside. After the box was closed, the Harveys said they would come back in the evening to retrieve the bees after they had all settled down.

Cartwright put up on caution tape on the property and had city works crews called in to put up barriers around the sidewalk.

Caution tape was also put up around the barriers to keep people away.

Richard Harvey said the swarm was docile. He worked in the middle of it without the hood of his bee suit on.

Anyone with a swarm on their property can contact him at 905-834-2307 or 289-687-BEES (2337) and he'll come and remove it. People who do call will receive honey from the bees when it is ready, he said.

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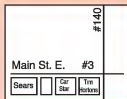
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## ■ WALK FOR MEMORIES: Students join effort

# Taking a stroll to help fight dementia

InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — Every five minutes one person in Canada is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"If nothing is done to stop the disease, in 25 years that figure will be one person every two minutes," said Gina Delle Rose-Ash, development officer for Alzheimer Society Niagara

Foundation.

There are more than 7,700 Nigerians suffering from the disease or related dementia, which has no known cause or cure, said Delle Rose-Ash, who was at Northland Pointe last week.

The regional seniors home to hold its 11th annual Walk for Memories with its residents and students from Steele Street School, but

rain cancelled the event.

"We have an inter-generational program with the school and this event was to wrap up the year," said Tammy Wright, resident and community programs manager at Northland.

The day's event would have seen students and residents walk from the home to H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park and then have a picnic.

But instead, residents just did a small walk inside Northland.

Students will be invited back to Northland within the next week or so to meet with the residents and head out on a walk.

While the students didn't make it over to the home, Delle Rose-Ash said they had raised \$900 for the Alzheimer society.

## ■ CHERRY SEASON



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Duffin Farms is enjoying an early sweet cherry season thanks to the warm weather. Trees are overflowing with deep red cherries. Customers can pick their own from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from \$8 for a three-litre basket.

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## Grand Opening Ceremony June 10, 2010 to Celebrate New Visitor Information Centre in Humberstone Hall

As visitors begin arriving in Port Colborne this summer to experience Niagara's South Coast, the City of Port Colborne is pleased to announce expanded tourism information services.

On Thursday, June 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the City of Port Colborne celebrated the Grand Opening of the newly renovated Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre in Humberstone Hall – the former Humberstone Township municipal building (circa 1853) located at 76 Main Street West.

Over the last 7 months, the centre has undergone extensive renovations to improve the functionality of the space and create a barrier-free facility. These improvements will further position the Visitor Information Centre as a full service centre offering visitors and residents - local, regional and provincial tourism publications, directions, Internet access, and restroom facilities. The Visitor Information Centre is also home to the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce.

The Visitor Centre will provide tourists with a window into Port Colborne and the surrounding communities, giving them access to up-to-date information on local events and attractions, straight from the people who really know what is happening in our City. With these substantial renovations the Visitor Centre at Humberstone Hall will be a welcoming destination, encouraging tourists to spend more time in Port Colborne, seeing local sights and spending in the local economy.

The new Port Colborne Visitor Information Centre provides expanded visitor information services from a strategic location in the gateway area of Port Colborne. Its location on Main Street is the main Highway 3 thoroughfare between Buffalo, NY and Halldamand, Norfolk, Simcoe, St. Thomas and other communities along Ontario's south coast. The Visitor Information Centre will help Port Colborne promote itself to new markets including Western New York.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Councillor Kate Leigh; General Manager and Director of Economic Development Stephen Thompson; Mayor Barb Henderson; Wainfleet; Councillor Frank DiBartolomeo; Mayor Vance Badway; Port Colborne MHA Scott McWhinney; Chamber of Commerce President; Regional Councillor Bob Saracino; Councillor David Barrick; Councillor Bea Kenny.

and also build awareness of Port Colborne to pass through traffic.

The project marks the beginning of the City's revitalization initiatives of Main Street. Additional work on the exterior landscaping and parking areas at the Visitor Information Centre will coincide with the Main Street streetscaping which is to commence this summer.

## PORT COLBORNE GOLFERS

brave rain  
to raise  
thousands  
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- Port Colborne, ON – June 10, 2010 - Mayor Vance Badway is delighted to report 90 golfers raised thousands of dollars in the fourth annual Port Colborne Wainfleet Mayors' Charity Golf Tournament. In addition, the Port Colborne Mayor won the closest-to-the-pin contest at beautiful Port Colborne Community Club.
- Proceeds will be directed to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and WellSpring Niagara cancer support centre.
- "We had an outstanding turnout, despite the rain," Mayor Badway said of the June 10 event at Port Colborne Country Club. "We are so grateful to the men and women who supported our golf tournament, for coming out on the worst day in weeks, to show their support for these fine organizations which do so much for our families and neighbours."

"It was truly a wonderful day with excellent results," Jim Marino, executive director of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre Foundation, said the following day. "On behalf of more than 3,000 children with physical or communicative disabilities who receive therapy at NPCC, a big thank you to Mayors Barb Henderson and Vance Badway for their care and compassion for Niagara's children with special needs, and also to the golfers who supported this annual event."

"In difficult economic times, this added funding to the NPCC will assist Centre therapists to continue their wonderful work in performing everyday miracles and life changing success stories at the Children's Centre," Mr. Marino said. "I noticed that those at the evening dinner were deeply moved when they heard and saw first-hand the

results of one of these miracles as related by the parent and child."

Ann Mantini-Collins, executive director of WellSpring Niagara Cancer Support Foundation, said she is grateful to both Mayors for their continued and ongoing support. "The generous support we receive from the proceeds raised at the Mayors' Tournament, will allow WellSpring Niagara to continue with the mission of providing free emotional, psychological and social support to hundreds of families in Niagara, who are affected by, and living with, cancer every day," Mantini-Collins said. "Our sincere appreciation to Mayor Badway and Mayor Henderson for their continued service in their own communities and in Niagara."

The winning foursome was Rick Ribbo, Dean Ostby, Frank Higgins, Doug Campbell,

# PORT COLBORNE'S Drinking Water

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the City's drinking water, please visit our website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) and click on the Water Quality link under the Popular Pages section. Or you can contact Darlene Suddard, the Water/Wastewater Compliance Coordinator at [darlensuddard@portcolborne.ca](mailto:darlensuddard@portcolborne.ca) or at 905-835-2901 ext. 212.

## DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The beginning of May marked the first anniversary of the City's implementation of our Quality Management System in accordance with the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (Standard). The City's continued commitment to CLEAN drinking water is outlined in the Quality Policy provided here:

Our Internal Audit Team continues to identify continual improvement opportunities, which the Operating Authority staff (Engineering and Operations staff) is busy considering and implementing in an effort to improve our processes to not only meet, but where possible, exceed the minimum requirements of the Standard.

## MUNICIPAL DRINKING WATER LICENSE – FINANCIAL PLAN SUBMISSION

City Staff is preparing the Financial Plan for the Distribution System. This Plan is the final item required to be submitted in order to comply with the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water License, as detailed in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002. The Financial Plan details how the City will fund the drinking water system to ensure the continued supply of safe drinking water for at least the next 6 years (2010 through to 2016). The Financial Plan submission deadline is July 1, 2010 and Council is required to approve the Plan prior to submission.

In the future, the City will be required to prepare a new Financial Plan and re-submit the Plan along with the application to renew the Municipal Drinking Water License and Drinking Water Works Permit, which expires every 5 years.

Once completed and approved, the City is required to make the Financial Plan for the Distribution System available to the public; therefore, after July 1st, the Financial Plan will be available on the City's website, under the Water Quality link: [www.portcolborne.ca/page/Water\\_Quality](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/Water_Quality)



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## PORT COLBORNE WATER/SEWER BILLING

Water bills pay for three essential services for Port Colborne residents:

- Delivery of clean drinking water
- Wastewater treatment
- The infrastructure and maintenance of the City's water and wastewater systems

City Council passed the Water and Wastewater Budgets on May 25, 2010. The new water and wastewater (sewer) rates are effective from March 1, 2010.

The City's current water and wastewater rate structure is a combination of fixed and usage charges. The fixed portion is calculated to recover the costs of the Watermain and Sewer Replacement program budgets. The remainder of the cost is recovered through the rate portion.

There is a shared responsibility for the treatment and distribution between the City and the Region. The City acts as a wholesaler in the distribution of water to the consumer.

### CURRENT RATE SCHEDULE

	Fixed Costs per month bill	Usage Charge per cubic metre (m³)
Water	\$55.75	\$1.101
Sewer	\$75.18	\$1.025

## AVERAGE CONSUMPTION CALCULATION OF A REGULAR THREE MONTH BILL

Based on two adults and two children using 0.75 m³/day

$$68 \text{ m}^3 \times \$1.101/\text{m}^3 + \$5.55 \text{ water fixed cost service charge} = \$130.62$$

$$68 \text{ m}^3 \times \$1.025/\text{m}^3 + \$75.18 \text{ sewer fixed cost service charge} = \$144.88$$

$$\text{Total Water/Sewer Bill} = \$275.50$$

\$130.93 is the minimum amount for service (per three month period) regardless if any water is being consumed at the property or not.

All vacant land directly abutting the sanitary sewer system will be charged the annual fixed cost service charge of \$300.72.

Metric Conversion: 1 cubic metre equals 1,000 litres or 220 gallons

## WATER COSTS MONEY – DON'T WASTE IT!

Water running at 60 psi water pressure

Diameter of stream	Cubic metres per three month period
1/4"	4475
3/16"	2521
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1/16"	280

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We recommend checking your consumption per three month billing period. The smallest leak could result in almost \$200 per month.

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Total consumption charge in just three months

## CHECK FOR LEAKS – THEY COULD BE COSTING YOU MONEY

Inspect any fixtures that are connected to your water supply with an airtight, but not limited to:

- \$ toilets
- \$ household taps (inside and outside)
- \$ water-cooled air conditioners
- \$ humidifiers
- \$ underground lawn sprinkler systems

## DID YOU KNOW...

- The amount of water which can pass through a residential 5/8" meter is 16 gallons per minute or 4.36 cubic metres per hour, equalling approximately \$5.27 per hour.
- A residential water meter cannot run fast or over-register. New meters are calibrated in the factory and guaranteed for accuracy. Under-registering is usually what occurs as a meter ages.
- The Water By-law requires the homeowner to allow a City employee inside access to read, inspect, and test the meter.

# Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival

**JULY 30 & 31, AUGUST 1 & 2, 2010**



For those with a taste for adventure, the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival offers activities and attractions to enliven the senses!

Tall ships gather in Port Colborne each August holiday weekend, for a four-day celebration of history and heritage. Explore the decks, try your hand at the wheel, or feel the spray as you cruise Lake Erie on a tall ship.

Nestled at the junction of the Welland Canal and the Lake Erie north shore, Port Colborne is a working marine community, with rich nautical history and welcoming hospitality. At the height of summer, the entire city takes time to celebrate the reasons why our picturesque city has grown and prospered – our marine heritage and our connection to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the seafaring world at large.

Canal Days encompasses the entire community, with activities at the different venues: H.H. Knoll-Lakeview Park is host to Ontario's largest outdoor classic car and kite show. The Seaway Park children's area has games, entertainment, and kids' activities throughout the weekend. At the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum,

the history of the Welland Canal is on display and heritage artisans can be seen working their trades. Festival guests can ride the free Canal Days Shuttle to the West Side Arena for an indoor craft show, or the Garden Swing Jazz event at the Roselawn Centre. Festival food and shopping kiosks fill downtown, and the Market Square concert venue features top-notch entertainment nightly.

Last year, more than 300,000 people visited the festival over four days. Friends, families, and former residents return and reminisce, and Canal Days continues to grow by bounds. An ever-changing roster of activities has repeatedly redefined Canal Days and as the festival moves into its fourth decade, that growth will continue as the festival blooms again.

A source of great community pride, Canal Days is Port Colborne's signature event. The countless local volunteers who work tirelessly over 4 days make this event Niagara's premier summer festival. **For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, or www.portcolborne.ca.**

# Summer Events in Port Colborne!

## CANADA DAY WEEKEND IN PORT COLBORNE!

Join us to kick off Canada Day weekend in HH Knoll Park on Thursday July 1st. Family activities during the day and Fireworks display at night! Hosted by the Port Colborne Folk Arts Council and the City of Port Colborne.

**Sherkston Shores presents...**

## FLAVOURS OF NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

**July 2 - 4, 2010 at HH Knoll Lakeview Park.**

The Flavours festival will showcase the best of local restaurants and wineries supported by an array of fantastically talented artists. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Friday evening's entertainment includes More Bad News and the Horns from Hell. Saturday sees the stage come alive with the Johnny Max Band, followed by FATHEAD and The British Invasion Band will rock the night away. Sunday afternoon, Steve Burnside and the Marquis, will kick off the day's entertainment with LMT Connection taking the stage in the late afternoon. The festival promises to close on a high note with crowd-pleasing Joney.

Regional winners, restaurants and caterers will be serving up culinary delights including seafood crepes, oxtail, sausage, pizza and award winning wines! A beer tent and picnic area round out the family friendly atmosphere, where a wristband policy will be in effect and those of legal drinking age will be required to show appropriate identification at the gate to purchase beer or liquor tickets.

**For more information visit [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or [www.facebook.com/flavoursniagara](http://www.facebook.com/flavoursniagara)**

World class cuisine, wine and entertainment – so close, you can taste it!

## CANAL FEST ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

**July 4, 2010.**

Up to 250 antique cars will be on display and competing for cash and prizes at the 16th Annual Canal Fest Car Show at Lock 8 Park in Port Colborne. Plenty of crafters and artisans offer a fabulous mix of wares. All cars and crafters must be pre-registered. Admission: Adults \$3.00 Children 12 and under Free with adult.

**For more information contact Al Lalouette at 905 835-1867.**

## NIAGARA ANTIQUE POWER ASSOCIATION

**July 3 & 4, 2010**

Niagara Antique Power Association is an organization whose members participate in collecting old cars, trucks, old steam engines, gas tractors, engines, models, and other equipment. Displays and events are held on the weekend nearest Canada Day. Come enjoy the activities on Wilhelm Road at Leam Heritage Farm, Sherkston On. Gates open at 8AM - Adults \$5.00 - Children (under 12) \$2.00 - Weekend Pass \$9.00 Per Person

**For general inquiries by email, contact [napa@NiagaraAntiquePower.org](mailto:napa@NiagaraAntiquePower.org)**

**All events & displays may be cancelled without notice due to events or circumstances beyond N.A.P.A.'s control.**

## A FEW HOURS TO SPARE! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**July 2, 3, 4 and July 30, 31, August 1, 2**  
Joanne Ferracioti at 905-835-2900 ext 130,  
[joanneferracioti@portcolborne.ca](mailto:joanneferracioti@portcolborne.ca)

Applications on-line at [www.portcolborne.ca/Events/Volunteers](http://www.portcolborne.ca/Events/Volunteers)  
Applications are also available at City Hall, 66 Charlotte St., Port Colborne

# NICKEL BEACH

*Beach season arrived early this year!*

Nickel Beach continues to be a premier destination for safe, family fun on the shores of Lake Erie. Explore sand dunes and the Carolinian forest, search for the Fowler's Toad, a protected species indigenous to our area. Located at the southern end of Welland Street at Lake Road, Nickel Beach offers approximately one kilometer of clean, sandy shoreline, public washrooms and a vehicle free area for safe recreation.

Open 365 days a year for FREE pedestrian access, Nickel Beach is open for vehicle parking weekends in June and will open for 7 day operation (weather permitting) on Friday, June 25 until Monday September 6, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. A small parking lot is available for guests, space permitting, outside the entrance gates. A parking fee of \$10 will be collected at the gate.

Please note that there is no alcohol and no dogs policy on the beach, for the safety and enjoyment of all guests. Coolers, bags and vehicles will be inspected and entry will not be permitted if alcohol and/or dogs are found.

The Niagara Region Public Health Department runs water quality tests each day, and signs are posted for guests' information if the Niagara Region's Public Health Department determines the bacteria levels in the water may cause illness or infection. This information will be posted at the gates of the Beach as well as on the vehicle barrier. The status of Niagara Region beaches can be found at <http://www.niagararegion.ca> or by calling the Niagara Region Beach Hotline at 905-688-8248 ext. 7789 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7789.

Season passes are also available for purchase at the beach; residents can purchase a season pass for \$100 and senior residents can visit the beach as often as they like by purchasing a seniors' season pass for \$75. Those not from Port Colborne may purchase a season pass for \$125, and non-resident seniors may purchase a pass for \$100.



# PORT COLBORNE SITE

## HOSPITAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### Inpatient Programs

Inpatient services reflect the needs of Complex Continuing Care patients, with 46 inpatient beds.

#### COMPLEX CONTINUING CARE

Patients have 2 or more complex conditions that are not acute but require ongoing hospital care. Most Complex Continuing Care patients are able to be discharged home with homecare supports, to a long-term care home, or to a retirement home, after receiving restorative care at Port Colborne Site.

#### THE CARE TEAM

The Inpatient care team is led by Hospitalists (hospital specialist physicians) and a Nurse Practitioner, with bedside care delivered by RNs, RPNs and Personal Support Workers.

#### SUPPORTIVE THERAPIES/SERVICES

Hospital services for inpatients include Clinical Nutrition, Diagnostic Imaging, Laboratory, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Recreational Therapy, Social Work, Speech Therapy and Spiritual/Religious Care.

#### NEW PORT CENTRE

A provincial program for addiction management and recovery. New Port Centre has 35 beds for an intensive 18-day recovery program. A range of services are offered, along with follow-up outpatient programs.

### Outpatient Programs

A wide range of outpatient clinics and services are offered.

• **DIABETES EDUCATION** – Niagara Diabetes Education Centre nurses and dietitians provide ongoing education programs, counselling and follow-up sessions for patients and families with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

• **DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING** – Includes x-ray, mammography, ultrasound and fluoroscopy.

• **EAR, NOSE, THROAT CLINIC** – Consultations and post-operative care are provided for ear, nose and throat cases.

• **EATING DISORDERS CLINIC** – Counselling sessions are provided to adolescents and adults.

• **GYNECOLOGY CLINIC** – Consultations and follow-up care are provided for gynecological issues, upon referral.

• **INTERNAL MEDICINE** – Consultations and follow-up care are provided for a range of patient conditions, including cardiac concerns and high blood pressure.

• **MENTAL HEALTH** – Counselling sessions are provided for children and adolescents by the Canadian Mental Health Association, upon referral.

• **METHADONE CLINIC** – Is provided to help clients manage opioid addictions in a safe, supportive manner.

• **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** – This satellite service is for women 50 and over who can call to book a mammogram without a physician referral. Along with a mammogram, an OBSP nurse provides

education. Follow-up specialist appointments are made if required. Women are contacted every 2 years for routine screening. Call 905-835-5842.

- **ORTHO CLINIC** – Pre- and post-operative consultations are offered for a range of orthopedic procedures, including hip and knee replacements.
- **PHYSIOTHERAPY** – Outpatients are seen at Port Colborne Site on a referral basis.
- **SPEECH PATHOLOGY** – Pediatric and adult consultations and treatment are provided, upon referral.
- **UROLOGY CLINIC** – Pre- and post-operative consultations are given for conditions, including catheter changes or prostate conditions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CLINICS AND SERVICES, CALL 905-378-4647 EXT. 32112.

**PARTNER AGENCIES** – A number of partners, including Bridges and Meals on Wheels, offer programs/services at Port Colborne Site. Family physician Dr. Halbo Xu provides primary care to new patients, supported by a team of health professionals.



Photo Caption – Port Colborne resident Ashleigh Mitchell-Skruberg, left, with her toddler Cecilia at the Urgent Care Centre, being assessed by Dr. Lambert Van Sitter.

### Urgent Care Centre

The Urgent Care Centre, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provides non-emergency outpatient care to adults and children. Emergency-trained physicians, RNs and RPNs provide care for a wide range of medical conditions. Lab and x-ray services are available.

Ambulances bring non-emergency cases to Port Colborne Site.

#### URGENT CARE CENTRES TREAT ...

- cuts or wounds that may require stitches
- sprains, strains or deep bruises
- mild asthma attacks
- ear infections
- urinary tract infections
- coughs, congestion, sore throat, fever
- diarrhea, vomiting
- insect bites, rashes
- minor mental health issues

The average wait/treatment time at Port Colborne's Urgent Care Centre is under 3 hours.

**Calling 911** – If you have any doubts about whether you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911. The ambulance will take you to the appropriate ER or Urgent Care Centre.

For more information, go to [www.niagarahealth.on.ca](http://www.niagarahealth.on.ca) or call 905-378-4647.

### Renovation Plans to Move Urgent Care Centre to Main Floor

Renovation plans to design new space for the Urgent Care Centre have been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) for approval. The renovations will be to the main floor, 1 West wing of the hospital to create a bigger, brighter Urgent Care Centre. The main floor offers many advantages as an Urgent Care Centre – a dedicated outside entrance that can be made wheelchair-accessible, more than double the existing floor space, improved privacy for patients, better patient flow and sight lines, dedicated ventilation system for infection control and fully accessible washrooms. A visit to Port Colborne Site by staff from MOHLTC took place in April 2010. Once Ministry approval is received, the renovations will take a number of months to complete. In the meantime, the Urgent Care Centre will continue to operate from the ground floor location.

### Health Education Evening

TRANSITIONING CARE NEEDS  
AS WE AGE & SAFETY AT HOME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 6:30 P.M.

Port Colborne Site, Sugarloaf Street, in McKellar Hall

FREE PARKING AND ADMISSION

Moving to the right level of care as we age is often necessary for many health and safety reasons. This presentation by Health Program Director Wendy Robb helps families understand the steps to take and what's available in Niagara. Patricia Regier of Community Support Services Niagara will provide an overview on staying safe at home.

Sponsored by Port Colborne Hospital Auxiliary and Niagara Health System.

### Speakers Bureau

Looking for a speaker on health care for your group? The Niagara Health System has a Speakers Bureau featuring a variety of topics, including Stroke Care, ER/Urgent Care and more. For details and to book a speaker for your fall event, go to [www.niagarahealth.on.ca](http://www.niagarahealth.on.ca) and click on the Speakers Bureau link.



# Summer Safety TIPS:

The long, hot, days of summer are here and we all know that that means... fun in the sun. Here are some safety tips to help make your summer safe and enjoyable!

## SUN SAFETY

Too much ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun can lead to eye damage and cataracts, premature aging of the skin, as well as skin cancer. Damage to the skin does not go away – it continues to accumulate over the years. All skin colours are at risk! Most lifetime exposure to UVR occurs before age 18, so it is very important to protect children.

Are you at risk for skin cancer? Anyone born today has a 1 in 7 risk of developing skin cancer during their lifetime.

### However the risk is higher for people who:

- Have light-coloured skin, eyes or hair
- Have a family history of skin cancer
- Freckle easily and have a large number of moles
- Work outdoors
- Participate in outdoor activities and outdoor sports
- Have had blistering sunburns as a child
- Take medications that suppress the immune system
- Have received an organ transplant

The good news is that we can prevent the damage from too much sunshine. Follow these simple steps:

- Limit the time you spend in direct sun between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Look for or make your own shade.
- Dress in clothing that covers your arms and legs.
- Wear a hat that shades your face, ears and neck.
- Wear sunglasses that protect against both UVA and UVB rays.
- Use sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection (also labelled broad spectrum) and SPF 15 or higher.
- Apply 20 to 30 minutes before going out.
- Reapply every 2 to 3 hours or earlier if sweating or swimming.
- Always follow product directions and check the expiry date.
- Wear lip balm with an SPF of 15+. Reapply often.
- Keep babies less than 1 year old out of direct sunlight: either under an umbrella, in the shade, or in a covered stroller.
- Do not apply sunscreen to babies less than 6 months old.

Follow these guidelines on cloudy days too. Up to 80% of UV radiation can pass through light clouds, fog and haze. (Source: Niagara Region Public Health)

## HOW'S THE AIR QUALITY?

Smog alerts occur on a regular basis in Niagara. Those hot, humid days are hard on everyone, particularly the very young and elderly, as well as those with chronic lung conditions. Pay attention to the warnings issued through the media and check out the following website for air quality forecasts throughout Ontario, [www.airqualityontario.com](http://www.airqualityontario.com).

Here are few basic rules to follow on those high humidex days:

- Don't go outside if you don't have to.
- Invest in an energy-efficient air conditioner. You will want to monitor your use, since air conditioners contribute to our smog problem.
- If you do go outside, stay in the shade, drink plenty of liquids (see Prevent Dehydration) and avoid strenuous exercise in the heat of the day.

## PREVENT DEHYDRATION

Water is an extremely important nutrient for your body. It does everything from regulating your body temperature to carrying waste products out of your system. Your body's daily water loss amounts to about 10 cups!

On average, adults need a little over 4 cups of water for every 1,000 calories they expend. So, if you need 2,000 calories a day to keep that body moving, they would be gulping about 8.5 cups of water daily. If it's hot or humid day or if you are physically active or exercising vigorously you will need more. Most of us need a minimum of 8 to 12 cups a day.

Never forget that high-exertion activities where heat, sun and sweat combine can sometimes be fatal. Sunstroke, heatstroke or worse can develop quickly when your body loses too much salt/chemicals, called electrolytes. Keep your intake of fluids high and remember to rebalance those electrolytes by drinking a sports drink such as Gatorade.

A healthy and natural alternative to a sports drink is to simply eat a banana and drink lots of water. The potassium in the banana will rebalance the electrolytes in your system quite effectively.

## BICYCLE SAFETY

Every Summer, Emergency Departments see a number of patients, mostly children, who have been injured in bike accidents. The most serious injury is to the head. A bike helmet can help protect children and adults from head injury. Be sure your helmet fits according to package directions and is CSA-approved. It is the law that children under 18 must wear a bicycle helmet.

Help prevent bicycle accidents altogether:

- Always pay attention!
- Never bike against oncoming traffic.
- Follow all the rules of the road.

A bike accident can mean permanent injury – even death – so don't fool around!

## WATER SAFETY

A refreshing dip in the pool is enticing for anyone in the summer and children are particularly eager to get in. At slipping away without notice. Anyone with a pool in their backyard or neighbourhood must be vigilant when children are near. Double check that the pool gate is always locked and that fencing is properly maintained. Take CPR training and invest in swimming lessons for your children. Those lessons could save a life!

Educate your children about the rules of pool safety:

- Never swim alone.
- Always swim with a responsible adult in attendance.
- No running around the pool deck/area.
- Have flotation devices ready at poolside.
- Check chlorine levels daily.
- Never swim without permission.
- No horseplay in pool area.
- Avoid diving.
- Avoid pump/jackpot area.
- Waterwings and other flotation devices are necessary for children who can't swim.

The beach is another area where continuous vigilance is required. Many Niagara swimming beaches do not have lifeguards on duty, therefore, it is up to parents and guardians to ensure their children are monitored at all times. By staying aware and following the above common-sense rules, summer activities will be fun and healthy for the whole family!



## SOUTH NIAGARA HEALTH CARE CORPORATION

By becoming a member of the South Niagara Health Care Corporation, you will have a unique opportunity to become educated by our own local health care providers. Every other month, members of our health care community present interesting information on topics that affect all of us here in Port Colborne.

June's presentation on Aging was fantastic! A program on Health Literacy will be held in September. The opportunity to ask questions and understand the new health care initiatives that are taking place is important for each and every one of us if we want to be a healthier community. Memberships are only \$10 per year and forms are available on-line and at City Hall.

\*\* If you do not have a family physician, it is very important that you roster to one of the following physicians that are currently accepting patients:

DR. HAIRO XU, Family Physician,  
at the Port Colborne Hospital, 289-478-1015

DR. JASON ST. MILAIRE, Family Physician,  
Briggs Community Health Centre, 289-479-5017

## OTHER HEALTH CARE NEWS

Port Colborne hosted 4 medical students from the University of Ottawa in May and we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of our preceptors and community members who donated hours and hours of their time to create a memorable clinical experience for these 4 future physicians. Port Colborne and Wainfleet were once again showcased beautifully, and the Physician Recruitment, Retention and Medical Education Committee members are to be congratulated on their hard work in placing our community in the spotlight with the Rural Ontario Medical Program.

On Friday, June 11, 2010 Health Services Coordinator, Joanne Ferracelli, was invited to speak in Collingwood to all 65 Rural Education Coordinators on how to successfully plan and implement medical education programs in small rural communities.

When lighting your propane barbecue, open the lid and strike your match or lighter before turning on the gas.

**FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SAFE USE AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR BARBECUE.**

**B.B.Q. Safely.**

# Summer Brawls PORT COLBORNE CENTENNIAL POOL

## GRASS AND WEED MAINTENANCE

As we welcome the seasonal change in our weather, the City would like to remind residents of the importance of property maintenance. Lawn care regulations are in effect year-round which require grass and weeds on all properties to be maintained below 8" (20cm) in height. Property owners in violation of this ordinance will be notified by the City and must cut their grass/weeds within 72 hours. Failing to comply will result in the City cutting the grass/weeds and all costs of such work being billed to the owner's tax account.

For a healthy lawn try "grasscycling" a natural way of recycling your grass clippings and placing nutrients directly back on your grass with the use of a mulching lawnmower blade. This practice will reduce the amount of materials entering our landfills and will reduce your household waste by as much as 20% to 25%.

## GARBAGE DUMPING

An increasing problem in our municipality is the rampant dumping of garbage anywhere other

than at an approved landfill location. In most cases, garbage is being dumped along our public roadsides. Bylaw Enforcement Division 325611109 provides fines of \$300.00 plus surcharge for any individual who unlawfully places materials on public or private property. The City's Bylaw Enforcement Division uses a variety of investigative tools to trace offenders including a new reward of \$300.00 for information leading to the successful prosecution of any individual responsible for illegal dumping. The City will continue to pursue those responsible to the fullest extent for this unconscionable act.

## LARGE ITEM PICK UP

The Region continues to pick up 2 containers of garbage per week from single-family homes. Garbage tags for containers exceeding the limit, are available for only \$1.00 each, at all Avondale, Avon Mart and Dollar Mart stores in the Niagara Region. Residents also receive large household item collection on a call-in basis.

Call Modern Corporations/IN Sheldrick Sanitation at 905-262-4000 or 1-800-561-4409 at least two working days prior to your regular garbage collection day to make arrangements for large item pick up.

## July and August 2010

### FREE SWIMMING

12:30 until 1:00 p.m.

(family only swim times)

1:50 until 2:30 p.m. (public swim times)

(FREE only for children 17 years and under)

### Swim Lesson Registration:

July 10, 2010

Register on line: starting at 12:01 a.m.

until 4:00 p.m.

Registrations will be accepted by phone, in person or on line

4:00 p.m.

Swim Lessons: 5 days a

week for 2 weeks

(Monday through Friday)

July 5 UNTIL July 16

open hours July 9 - for family to enter

deck and view lessons

July 16 UNTIL July 30

open hours July 23

- for family to enter deck and view

lessons

AUGUST 8 UNTIL AUGUST 29 - open hours August 13 - for family to enter deck and view lessons

## Lifesaving Bronze Medallion

August 3, 4 and 5

9:00 until 3:00 p.m.

EXAM: AUGUST 5, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

## Lifesaving Emergency First

Aid and Bronze Cross

August 24, 25 and 26

9:00 - 4:00 p.m.

EXAM: AUGUST 26 - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

## Swim Team - Pirahanna's - come and join the fun!

July 5 - AUGUST 21

Practice days are Mondays and

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Swim meets are Saturday mornings.

Meets are held in various communities

around Niagara Region and Hamilton

County

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## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

### CITY WIDE ROAD RESURFACING -

#### Hot Mix Program

This program will use hot mix asphalt work completed throughout various locations in the City.

### CITY WIDE ROAD RESURFACING -

#### Surface Treatment Program

This program will use a range of different types of surface treatment implemented throughout the City.

### SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

This program allows for maintenance on existing curb and sidewalk on numerous locations throughout the City.

Our annual ditching program should be available for tender by the end of July.

Oldie Humberson Main Street Area  
Community Improvement Plan

## CONSTRUCTION STARTS IN EARLY JULY - BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN OPEN!

The tender for construction of the streetscape works for Main Street will close shortly, and project construction is expected to begin towards the beginning of July. Main Street and all Businesses along it will remain open throughout the duration of construction.

With the creation of the Port Colborne Gateway Business Improvement Area, encompassing the Oldie Humberson Main Street Area, the City is accepting applications for the Community Improvement Plan Financial Incentive Program. The application is available online at [www.portcolborne.ca/page/Main\\_Street\\_OIP](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/Main_Street_OIP) or at City Hall.

If residents are interested in viewing the current contract documents which detail the locations of all proposed work, they are available on line at the City's web site. All works listed in the contract documents are pending finances.

The 2 Year ASPHALT PATCH REPAIR CONTRACT which was awarded to Rankin Construction in 2009 is currently on-going and residents will see works being completed throughout the remainder of the year.

### CATHARINE STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

The contract for the Large Diameter Watermain on Catharine Street was awarded to Centennial Construction of Niagara Falls. The project is underway and involves the removal of the existing 300mm and 400mm diameter watermain and replacing it with a 500mm diameter watermain. The watermain will be replaced from the water tower on King Street down Superior and Catharine Streets to Clarence Street. Repairs to the old stone sanitary sewer on Catharine Street will also be taking place.

A precast concrete valve chamber will be installed at every intersection along the construction route; these chambers will house all of the valves to operate the watermain. Road closures for each intersection will be in effect during the installation of each chamber. Visit the City website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) for the notice of road closures.

## CURRENT STUDIES

### OPERATIONS CENTRE

The City's Works Ward is no longer deemed to be a viable option. The proponent, the Operations and Council has agreed that the feasibility of a new facility be investigated, through presentations made

at Strategic Planning and budget deliberations. Presently Phillips Engineering Limited has completed an Environmental Assessment Study for a new Port Colborne Operations Centres. The Environmental Assessment recommended that a new facility be constructed at the Stonebridge Drive - Port Colborne Road (Pilot) site. Currently City Council is reviewing the feasibility of constructing a new site and is investigating funding opportunities.

### INDUSTRIAL PARK

The City of Port Colborne is undertaking a study to assess potential industrial sites within the urban and rural boundaries of the City of Port Colborne. This will be a comprehensive approach to land use and infrastructure planning within the study area and will involve a process of problem/opportunity identification, alternative solution identification, inventory of the natural, social and economic environments, an evaluation of alternative solutions and the selection of a preferred solution. Public consultation is a key component of the integrated planning and environmental assessment process. Because the study has recently commenced, there is an opportunity for you to provide input to the City of Port Colborne as they collect comments and information regarding this project in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and the Planning Act. A public meeting will be scheduled at a key point in the project. The date, time and location of the meeting will be posted in the local newspapers as well as the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)

### EXTRANEOUS FLOW REDUCTION PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the City of Port Colborne is committed to

reducing unnecessary sewage treatment costs, the potential for basement flooding, and combined sewer overflows, by reducing infiltration of storm water to the sanitary sewage collection and treatment system through its Extraneous Flow Reduction Program. It is estimated that the City spends approximately \$1 Million each year treating storm water in the sanitary system. These costs are directly absorbed through the City's water and sewer rates. The City has initiated a Pilot Study in the area serviced by the Arona Sewage Pump Station, to evaluate the most effective method of reducing infiltration of storm water to the sanitary sewer system. The Pilot Study is nearing completion and post flow monitoring of the area will be completed by the Fall of 2010. The Extraneous Flow Reduction Program has been expanded to the Ormeau Sewage Pump Station Area. The program involves inspection of private sanitary sewer services to assess their condition and the presence of any improper connections, followed by recommendations and City funded improvements to remove sources of rainfallwater from the sanitary sewer system. Inspections have commenced and currently our Contractor - PipeCo Contracting Corporation has completed approximately 234 private inspections since mid-March and has another 549 private inspections already booked. We would like to thank all residents in the Ormeau Pump Station Area who have already booked and/or had an inspection completed. For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

### INITIATIVES OF THE PORT COLBORNE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE...

For details of Port Colborne's Toilet Rebate Program and/or Tree Planting Program visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

# SUMMER 2010 READING PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY.

This year's TD Summer Reading Club theme is "Destination Jungle." Read books, earn prizes! For ages 3 to 13. Registration begins Wednesday, June 30th at 9:00 a.m.

The Port Colborne Public Library also has a great line-up of activities for children. Sign up soon to avoid disappointment!

## DESTINATION JUNGLE: ADVENTURES, SKILLS, CRAFTS, AND GAMES

"Jungle Explorers" for ages 7 to 13. Thursdays, July 15, 22, 29 and August 12, 19, 10:00—2:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$2.00. Pre-register at the Library.

"Jungle Explorers" for ages 3 to 6. Mondays, July 16, 22 and August 16, 10:00—2:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$1.00. Pre-register at the Library.

"Wild Things" for ages 9 to 13. Wednesdays, July 14 and August 11, 10:00—2:00 p.m.  
Cost is \$4.00. Pre-register at the Library.

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Art supplies included. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. Pre-register at the Library.

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Shawna Eden, Chair

# PORT COLBORNE SPRING PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

As spring blossoms, the City of Port Colborne is pleased to announce its latest photography contest which will run from May 20, 2010 to June 30, 2010. This contest provides a way for photographers to capture the beauty and uniqueness of Port Colborne in the spring, as well as provide a way for participants to display their creativity and provide the City with another resource to showcase Port Colborne.

Spring is a glorious time of year; it is the season when mother - nature awakens from her wintery sleep, the season's arrival brings along with it some unique photo opportunities including migrating birds, blooming flowers and flowing creeks. The City of Port Colborne is searching for those images that best capture the essence of spring.

Residents and visitors to Port Colborne as well as photographers of all ages and abilities are invited to submit entries. Photo contest submissions are being accepted until June 30, 2010. Up to five photographs may be submitted per person. There is no entry fee, however, pictures submitted must be high-resolution, digital format and by submitting, entrants give the City of Port Colborne permission to use the photos for promotional purposes.

## TIPS FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS:

- Photos can be of any location in Port Colborne
- Great submissions include:
  - Spring Birds
  - Spring Greenery
  - Rain and Reflections
  - Flowers in Bloom
- Set your camera on the highest resolution to send us the best quality photo
- Avoid sending blurry, unclear or small photos
- People in photo must have consented to their picture being taken, or be not recognizable (in the background)

In July, the winning photo will be selected and featured on the Port Colborne website and on other print marketing produced for the City of Port Colborne. As well, the winner of the contest will receive a \$100 gift card for use at a local business.

Complete contest rules, information and entry forms can be found on the City of Port Colborne website at [portcolborne.ca](http://portcolborne.ca).

For more information please contact Erin Pozzebon, Marketing and Tourism Coordinator at 905-834-1668 ext. 293 or email at [erinpозzebon@portcolborne.ca](mailto:erinpозzebon@portcolborne.ca).



# PORT COLBORNE Historical & Marine Museum

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Picture above with the framed pictures are Mayor Vance Badway, Director Curator Stephanie Powell Baswick, Former Crew of the HMCS Port Colborne Donald McKay and Murray Sherwin, Assistant Curator Lynn van Dillen, and Navy Lieutenant Glenn Falconi.

## Navy Centennial

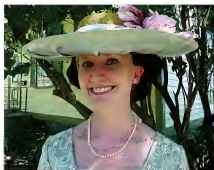
On May 30th, 2010, the Museum hosted a presentation in acknowledgment of the service of the Frigate HMCS Port Colborne and Castle Class Corvette HMCS Humberstone during the Second World War. The presentation was part of the Centennial project of the Canadian Navy which was launched to honour over 320 towns and cities whose names have been shared with Canadian warships and submarines since 1910. In order to renew and strengthen the ties between the Navy and the community which provided the namesake for two Canadian warships, the Navy presented the City of Port Colborne with framed pictures of both the HMCS Port Colborne and HMCS Humberstone.

## Arabella's Tea Room

Arabella's Tea Room, an Edwardian-style cottage on the grounds of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum is now open for the summer. Come in between the hours of two and four daily, to enjoy fresh tea and biscuits served by volunteers in period dress. While reservations are not required to experience a typical afternoon tea of the early 1900's, we ask large groups to call the Museum in advance. New Volunteers are Always Welcome!

### KEEP THE DATE

The Horseless Carriage Club of America-Pre-1916 automobiles visit the Museum Tuesday July 20th.



Sarah Arabella

## Sugarloaf Marina Events Calendar

JUNE 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cruise Nights at the Sea Room	2 Boat Show Open House	4		5 Sugarloaf 1000 & New Boat Show <b>SOLD</b>
6	7	8 Cruise Night	9 Sugarloaf Sailing Club Race Night	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 SSC Race Night	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25	26
27 Labor Day	28	29	30			
JULY 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Canada Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
AUGUST 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
SEPTEMBER 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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## ■ ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE



St. John Ambulance had its flag raised at city hall on Monday for St. John Ambulance Week. Taking part in the flag raising were Lyn Meyer and her therapy dog Maric, Mayor Vance Badawey, Kathy Legault, St. John Ambulance board of directors, George Ledwon, therapy dog trainer, and Ashley Eberley and her therapy dog Derby.

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

## ■ FOOD BANK DONATION



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
Casco Inc. donated \$400 to food banks in Port Colborne and Welland on Monday. From left are Tim Albrecht, of Open Arms Mission in Welland; Anna Oakes, Casco support services; Eric Chutorash, Casco plant manager; Mary Anne Feagan, Port Cares Reach Out Centre; and Cheryl Moore, Port Colborne Salvation Army Community and Family Services manager. Albrecht accepted a cheque on behalf of Hope Centre in Welland and Moore accepted a cheque for the Salvation Army in Welland. Casco donated the funds after reading stories about the bare shelves at the various food banks.

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■ **FUEL SPILL:** Mayor will review notification system

# Improving communications

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff  
PORT COLBORNE —

Mayor Vance Badawey was extremely impressed with the cooperation between all parties during last week's diesel

fuel spill on the Welland Canal.

Though he feels the city and its partners did a good

job of getting as much information as they could out in real time, the city will look at options to inform residents of emergencies.

"We need a better notification system, a system where we can call all residents at home when something happens."

The mayor said not everyone has the Internet, listens to the radio, watches TV or gets a newspaper. And while

**"We need a better notification system, a system where we can call all residents at home when something happens."**

Vance Badawey, mayor of Port Colborne

local media were able to get information out as quickly as they could when there were updates, the mayor said he still felt uncomfortable and wanted to ensure no one in the city missed anything.

As soon as Port Colborne was notified of the spill at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15 the city's emergency management team, which consists of

senior city staff, was assembled on the third floor of city hall.

"Marine Clean was called and they were here within half-an-hour and boomed off the ship, the weir and the water treatment plant. The water treatment plant was shut down, the (St. Lawrence) Seaway Corp. shut down the canal and Transport Canada and Ministry of Environment were called."

Badawey said the city's primary concern was the intake valve at the water treatment plant on King St. being shut off.

"We also wanted the spill cleaned up right away."

Marine Clean, a Niagara Falls-based company, estimated the 400 litres of spilled diesel fuel would take between four and five hours to clean up. The company, with the assistance of employees from Allied Marine and Industrial on West St., did a clean up Tuesday and were back Wednesday doing a final clean up.

The mayor said in addition to the two companies, city staff, senior Niagara Region staff, regional employees at the treatment plant, Port Colborne firefighters, ministry of environment, seaway, Transport Canada and many others all deserve credit and recognition for their quick response to the situation and the efforts they put in to resolve the spill situation quickly as possible.

City staff were called in to man phones and answer questions all night, firefighters went to apartment buildings and restaurants to notify people of the situation and water stations were set up at four locations in the city to pass out cases of water to residents.

"This is what was what (the emergency management team) plan and practice for throughout the year. We held mock sessions and prepare for situations like this to get into the mindset so we're very focused when something happens."

"All of that paid off Tuesday," said Badawey, adding the team and its partners met until nearly 11 p.m. over the spill.

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The personal information gathered is collected under the authority of the Liquor Licence Act. The principal purpose of the collection is to assess eligibility for the issuance of a liquor sales licence. Copies of all objections are given to the applicant. The information may also be disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager, Licensing and Registration, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario at the address, telephone numbers or e-mail address listed below.

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06/07/2011

## ■ FUEL SPILL

## City to review its response protocol after fuel spilled in canal



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photos

At left, workers use a small boat to pull a boom out into the Welland Canal on June 15 after 400 litres of diesel fuel was spilled into the water. After a round of testing at a Ministry of Environment lab in Toronto, the city's water was determined to be safe for drinking the next day. At right, city manager Bob Heil, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services fire chief Tom Cartwright and Mayor Vance Badawey look over a map of the diesel fuel spill in the Welland Canal. The three are part of the city's emergency management team that had been meeting all day long over the spill.

## FROM PAGE A22

"We're also going to do a follow up to see how well we did, how we responded and to ensure this never happens again," said Badawey.

While Transport Canada will be carrying out an investigation into the spill, which involved McNeil Marine's tug Will Seymour and Seaboard/

Harmac Transportation Group, the company supplying the fuel, Badawey planned to speak to both companies as well.

A Seaboard/Harmac Transportation Group representative was at city hall and briefly met with the mayor Wednesday morning.

The representative did not want to comment to The

Tribune about the spill.

Jeremy Link, Transport Canada acting communications advisor, said Transport Canada is investigating the incident and as the investigation is ongoing, no further details are available at this time.

Transport Canada investigates all reported incidents of ship-source marine

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■ **FUNDRAISER:** Community service agency holds first Reach Out 'N Ride

# Motorcyclists ride in support of Port Cares

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Nicole Collicutt, 10, often Antoinette when she rides her Harley-Davidson Sportster around her hometown of St. Catharines.

But she doesn't often ride as far south as Port Colborne.

A recent event in Port Colborne inspired them to

make the trip. They wanted to participate in Port Cares inaugural Reach Out 'N Ride.

Although the agency primarily serves people from Port Colborne, the Collicuts were well aware of the types of services it offers as well as the need for funding. It's not too different from Community Care in the St. Catharines, Antoinette said.

She said they learned about the event on the radio

while listening to Giant FM and thought, "That's fun, it'd be nice to go for a ride."

But they didn't want to make the trip empty-handed. Although the registration fee for the event was only \$15 and \$5 more for the passenger, Nicole felt they could bring a little extra so they started baking.

"We made chocolate cookies, and we also made brownies and vanilla and chocolate

cupcakes," Nicole said.

She brought those goodies to school to sell to her classmates. And after all those dozens of baked goods were sold, staff at Connaught School in St. Catharines matched the money she raised so Nicole would have \$300 to donate to Port Cares.

The Collicuts were among dozens of bikers who rolled into Port Colborne for the event, to help raise money

for the organization and have a great time doing it. Motorcyclists rode from Port Colborne to Crystal Beach, then on to Niagara Falls, through Welland, and back to Port Colborne for a Show and Shine at H. H. Knoll Lakeview Park while rock band Dunn performed.

Despite a forecast threatening wet weather, dozens of bikers rode into Port Colborne to participate, and

the rain held off until the event was over.

Pam Swick Janjac, who worked with fellow Port Cares staff member Brenda Harvey



Pam Swick Janjac

and Becky and Jamie Leeto organize the event, was impressed with the commitment and generosity of the leather-clad bikers.

She recalled seeing a Show and Shine at the Belmont Hotel a few weeks ago. Despite continuous rain that day, "they had more than 50 bikes in the parking lot," Swick Janjac said.

"But that's what Jamie and Becky have said, generally if they commit to coming, the majority of them will come."

Swick Janjac said the money being raised will be used for Port Cares operating costs.

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## ■ NEW STAFFER

# InPort News, Welland Tribune welcome new director of advertising

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — InPort News welcomes the newest member and leader of its advertising team.

Advertising director Michael Cressman recently came to *The Tribune* and *InPort News* after spend-

ing seven years at *Niagara This Week* as its advertising manager.

"I'm very excited about this fantastic opportunity," he recently said.

"I'm looking forward to working with a paper that plays such a large role in the community."

At *The Tribune*, Cressman leads a dynamic team of 11 advertising sales representatives and replaces former advertising director Daria Zmyliwsky who is now at the helm of the *Niagara Falls Review's* advertising department.

Cressman lives in Niagara

Falls with his wife Leanne and daughter Lauren. His hobbies include golf and hockey.

Staff Photo

New InPort News and Tribune advertising director Michael Cressman.



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■ **SCHOOLS:** EQAO test results are in

# Local high schools make the grade

Import News Staff

**WELLAND** — Instead of handing out report cards, local high schools are receiving them. The Education Quality and Accountability Office released its Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test results last week.

The test, written annually in April, is used to determine whether a student has achieved the minimum standard expected by the Ontario Curriculum in reading and writing through the end of Grade 9.

Of the 1,901 students who took the test for the first time at

Niagara Catholic District School Board, 88% were successful at meeting or exceeding the provincial standard — the same success rate the board achieved during the 2008-09 school year.

Four of Niagara Catholic's eight high schools were able to increase or maintain the success

rates they achieved during the 2008-09 school year.

Overall in Ontario 142,955 students took the assessment, with an 84% success rate.

Niagara Catholic's success in exceeding the provincial averages shows the learning strategies implemented by the board's

teachers have been effective, said education director John Crocco in a news release.

The results, a "snapshot" of a single test, are "indicators of where we are doing well and where we can do more to improve student literacy," he said.

The DSBN had 2,879 students write the test for the first time, with 82% meeting or exceeding the provincial standard — a 1% decrease over last year's results.

Of the public board's 21 secondary schools, 11 were able to increase or maintain the success rates they had during the 2008-09 school year.

Carol Gernym, superintendent of school support services, said the DSBN reviews the results of the board overall, as well as the schools on an individual basis. Staff examine which questions caused students to struggle at each school to determine areas in the curriculum that may need more focus at each institution.

For students who are unsuccessful when taking the test — a literacy course is provided to help them achieve their goal the next time around.

Gernym said parents should look at the test as "just one tool" in evaluating their child's education. They should consider the results alongside other forms of evaluation such as report cards, project and test marks, and communication with the school, she said.

Eastdale Secondary School

achieved the highest success rate increase across Niagara, rising from 62% in 2008-09 to 78% in 2009-10.

Port Colborne High School wasn't far behind Eastdale, said its principal Nigel Evans.

Evans said the school went from 73% in 2008-09 to 86% in 2009-10.

Evans said the increase is due to the hard work of students, teachers at the high school and all of the feeder schools.

"These results show we're building on the delivery and consistency of our programs. The results show the hard work put in by our teachers."

Evans said teachers at Port High worked together and had a plan of improvement that was followed.

"We're not going to rest on our laurels, we need to look beyond these results, see what our successes were and refine and improve on them."

John Raso, English department head at Port High, said, "I am very happy with the job that our staff and the feeder schools' staff have done to prepare our students. The results clearly show that we are doing a great job of providing our students with the necessary skills to be successful on the literacy test that the ministry has set as a standard."

"Furthermore, the results demonstrate the quality of students that the school has. They are students that work extremely hard at being successful, now and in the future," said Raso.



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## ■ WEEDS

# 'As God is my witness, I thought it was a weed'

FROM PAGE A4

She begins to pull the small weeds out of her mother's plot, still muttering in disbelief about somebody stealing her bush. I keep planting.

Finally, after what seems like an eternity but is really more like about 10 minutes, I can't stand it anymore. I slowly stand, lean on mom and dad's stone, and say: "Um, excuse me."

She looks up from the other side.

"As God is my witness, I thought it was a weed."

She slowly stands up, her gaze never leaving my face. I see her brain processing, a mile a minute. She's going from "is this complete idiot serious?" to "Well at least he's honest" to "Wait a minute, he thought this beautiful bush I planted last fall was a weed. How insulting is that?"

But she says nothing —

for a long time. When she finally does speak, it's to say, "I don't believe it. But, well, I guess I'm glad you said something."

"Um, it's right over there," I sheepishly say, pointing at the dumpster. She looks over then looks back at me. I get another look, quite similar to the first one.

"Look, I'll go get it and we can replant it," I say with as much enthusiasm as I can muster.

She looks at the hole she had started to fill in.

"Do you have a shovel?" she asks. I show her my tiny garden shovel, the one I've been using to plant the zinnias and begonias. "No, I mean a big one."

"Um, no, but I'll work with this one," I stammer.

I dig the hole with my little shovel and go retrieve the bush from the dumpster. We replant it and then I offer up some of the planting soil to make sure

**"You know," I tell her, trying to lighten the mood, "every so often, I tend to do something really stupid. I don't know what it is, but I haven't done anything really stupid for a while now, so I guess I was overdue!"**

It grows healthy. I take my watering can, go to the tap a few metres away and come back to give the replanted bush a good long drink.

At this point, I could use one too.

"You know," I tell her, trying to lighten the mood, "every so often, I tend to do something really stupid. I don't know what it is, but I haven't done anything really stupid for a while now, so I guess I was overdue."

Without missing a beat, she says, "Well, this should last you to the end of the year, don't you think?" I formally introduce myself. "I'm George, by the way," I say, sticking out my

hand. "I'm Lori," she says. I didn't ask how she spells her name so I'm guessing here.

We establish we're both children of Polish immigrants, me growing up in Parkdale and her growing up in Bloor Village, near Windermere. She tells me she attended Humber College.

"Oh, a good friend of mine went there," I say, trying to find some common ground. "What are you, Lori, in your early fifties?"

Now, I never ask a woman about her age. Uncle Jack always taught me that gentlemen simply don't do that. Too late. The words are out of my

mouth.

I get another look. It says, "Oh my God, he really is an idiot!"

But what comes out of her mouth is, "Yeah, around there."

I blubber, "Do you know Boris Hrybivsky? He grew up a couple of blocks north of Bloor, just off Windermere."

Boris is a fellow journalist currently living in Winnipeg.

"No," she says, "didn't know him. He's probably older than me."

Ouch. I quickly finish off planting the plants that still need planting in my parents' plot. I gather up all my implements and begin loading the car. In silence.

After I'm done, I go up to Lori and say, "Look, I really appreciate how gracious you've been here. You really could have torn a strip off me and been quite justified doing it, but

you didn't."

Her eyes softened. "Well, I guess there was a reason for me to come here today. I'm just really glad you said something."

I explained the thought of not saying something never entered my mind. It was a question of when. We shook hands and away I went, ready for the drive over to Uncle Jack's plot on the other side of the cemetery.

Note to self, as I slipped the car into gear: Don't touch a damn thing that is not directly connected to Uncle Jack's cemetery plot.

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## ■ WALLEYE TOURNAMENT



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From left, Jack Moores, Reg Bolduc and Russ Henri, combined to catch 35.06 pounds of fish Sunday to win top prize in the 14-entry, small-boat division at the 444 International Walleye Tournament in Port Colborne.



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From left, Robert Montgomery, Chris Thompson, Ty Richardson and Jay Bisson won a trophy and will share the top prize of \$2,340 after their combined catch of 34.08 pounds was the largest haul in the big boat division at the 444 International Walleye Tournament Sunday in Port Colborne.

## ■ DAY IN THE PARK



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

A bald eagle shakes water off after taking a quick bath. Dave Gibson, of Niagara Skyhunters Birds of Prey, brought a number of birds out to Port Colborne Optimist Club's sixth annual Day in the Park last weekend.